

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as indicated below:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2 beginning on line 9 and ending on line 19 with the following paragraph:

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The present invention is a casino style card game, referred to in various embodiments as "Bet the House Blackjack," "Bet the House," or "Bet the House Bonus Blackjack." The game is played in accordance with the standard rules of Blackjack, also known as "21," and includes an auxiliary component allowing additional wagering on the outcome of the dealer's hand for each participating player. Participating players are able to wager on the dealer having a non-breaking hand (i.e., a hand having a value less than 21 in accordance with the rules of Blackjack) containing two, three, four, five, six, or seven cards. Wagers may also be made on the dealer having an even or odd count, or an all read red or all black hand. A return is paid on wagers in the auxiliary game only if the dealer hand does not "bust" (i.e., exceed a value of 21).

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Please replace the paragraph on page 9 beginning on line 3 and ending on line 12 with the following paragraph:

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Two cards are dealt to each player and to the dealer sequentially, the cards being dealt face down, face up, or both face down and face up, for example 21, in accordance with the standard rules of Blackjack and preferred play. Play then continues in accordance with standard rules for Blackjack. A determination is then made by each player as to

12 whether to receive another card, referred to as a "hit" 22. If the player elects to receive an additional card, the card is provided to the player 23. A determination is then made as to whether the player busted 24. If the player busted, the player loses at Blackjack and loses the Blackjack wager 25, and play proceeds to the auxiliary Bet the House portion of the game for the player, as shown in FIG. 5G 6C.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9 beginning on line 13 and ending on line 16 with the following paragraph:

13 If the player did not bust 24 upon receiving the additional card, the player is provided with another option to receive a hit 22. If the player elects not to take a hit, the player's Blackjack hand is compared to the dealer's Blackjack hand 26, and play proceeds as shown in FIG. 5B 6B.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 with the following paragraph:

14 As shown in FIG. 5B 6B, before comparing the player's Blackjack hand to the dealer's Blackjack hand, the dealer's Blackjack hand is determined. First, the dealer makes a selection as to whether to receive a hit 27. If the dealer elects to receive a hit, the dealer receives an additional card 28. A determination is then made as to whether the dealer busted 29. If the dealer busted, the dealer has a bust hand for comparison to the players' hands for the Blackjack round 30, and all players lose any Bet the House wagers 31. If the dealer did not bust upon receiving the additional card, the dealer is provided with

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another option to receive a hit 27. The dealer Blackjack hand is then compared to the
player Blackjack hands in accordance with the standard rules of Blackjack 32.
